

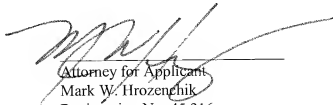
## II. Remarks

Consideration and allowance of the subject application are respectfully requested.

Following entry of the Preliminary amendment, Claims 21-36 are pending in the application, and claims 1-20 have been cancelled. Claims 21, 25, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, and 36 are independent.

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